GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6656
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2005
SALT PAN LAND
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 5410 acres Salt Pan Land in Mumbai has been given on lease for salt cultivation and any part of land has also been transferred to Government of Maharashtra by Mumbai collectorate;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with conditions stipulated for lessee;

(c) whether any proposal has been received for the development of land; and

(d) if so, the details there of and the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): 1819 acres of salt pan land was given on lease and about 2054 acres under license for salt manufacture. The main conditions of lease are at Annexure-I. Out of this, 557 acres of land has been transferred to the Government of Maharashtra for public purposes.

(c) & (d) : A number of proposals for the development of salt lands are received from time to time. Most of such cases are sub-judice and no final decision has been taken.

Annexure − I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6656 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.5.2005.

MAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE

The lessee shall :-

(a) use the demised premises for the purpose of manufacturing common and edible salt and its' by products only.

(b) Manufacture salt on the demised premises in accordance with the terms of license to be granted in that behalf.

(c) Not to make any excavation upon any part of the demised premises not remove any stone, sand, gravel clay or earth there from except for the purpose of protecting the demised premises or the salt works constructed thereon from the inroads of salt water or floods.

(d) Not assign or under let this lease or any part thereof or the rights and privileges hereby granted or any of them to any person without the previous consent in writing of the Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Excise, Central Division (hereinafter referred to as the said Deputy Commissioner).

(e) In addition to all duties and taxes otherwise leviable pay royalty on salt removed from the salt pan constructed on the demised premises at the rate of four pies per Indian mounds.

(f) Pay water tax to the Bombay Municipalities at the rate of eight annas per one thousand gallon or such other rate as may be fixed from time to time in respect of quantity of water consumed by the lessee or his servants or employees.

(g) Pay during the said term of ninety nine years, all duties and taxes including municipal taxes which shall be leviable in respect of the demised premises on the salt and its' by products which may be manufactured or produced thereon.

(h) In addition the lessee may subject to the previous written sanction of the Commissioner of Customs, Salt and Excises, use the demised premises for the manufacture of any of the by-products of salt.

(i) Such manufacture shall be subject to the terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Customs, salt and Excises may specify

from time to time.

(j) Such by-products shall be subject to the payment of royalty at such rates as Government may fix from time to time.